

**Minutes of the Meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on
Tuesday 14th September 2010**

1

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), R.Houlston (RH), E.Smith (ES)

In Attendance: B.Ward (clerk), Cllr P Featherstone HDC

1. Apologies: P Davison (PD),

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Passing Places: There has been no action to date and no indication of a start date..

3.2 Condition of roads: A letter has been received from Highways North Yorkshire indicating that work will not commence until investigations are complete. This response being unsatisfactory the Clerk has written again expressing the Parish Council's disappointment at the delay and inconvenience.

3.3 Village Green Seat: The seats have now been treated with preservative and are in a position to withstand the winter weather.

3.4 Painting of Railings: The Clerk has spoken to the contractor who hopes to complete the work, including East View, during week commencing 20 September, weather permitting.

3.5 Parish/Community Caretaker Scheme: This, at first sight appears an attractive proposition. However, after discussion, it was agreed that the costs would be too high to contain within the current precept. In the present financial climate it was therefore agreed not to proceed.

3.6 Remedial Work to MUGA: Agreement has been reached with Cleveland Land Services on the necessary remedial work. This will be completed in the next few weeks, after which, subject to satisfaction, the retention monies will be paid.

4. Matters Arising Between Meetings.

There were no matters arising

5. Planning/Planning Policy:

The following planning applications have been received

Husthwaite Church Of England VC Primary School Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA - Retention of prefabricated elliott unit 1662

Fern Cottage Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA - Proposed two storey side extension to existing dwelling, alterations to the rear extension and construction of a detached garage.

The following applications have been approved

Wilton Croft Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA - Proposed refurbishment of existing domestic storage building to form living accommodation with linking extension to existing dwelling

Wortley Cottage The Nookin Husthwaite Thirsk North Yorkshire YO61 - 4PY Non material change - squaring the corner of sunroom to previously approved scheme alterations to form a canopy and single storey extension to form a sun room (09/01693/FUL)

The Balmoral Low Street Husthwaite North Yorkshire YO61 4QA -Installation of heat dump extraction stack

Signed.....Date 16 November 2010

6. Finance:

6.1 Current Account

Cheques/Monies out:

	100707		Spoiled cheque
17.08.10	100709	£500.00	Husthwaite Village Hall - grant
26.07.10	100710	£31.32	P.Davison re village green seat paint
16.08.10	100711	£470.00	Mazars LLP external audit
03.09.10	100712	£506.67	Burn Bros - grass cutting
14.09.10	100713	£10.00	Rev I Kitchen - Interment fee J M Sargent
14.09.10	Transfer	£320.00	To Cemetery Fund re sale of burial plot and interment J M Sargent

£1837.99

Cheques/Monies in

26.07.10	£122.50	Bier House rent
23.08.10	£29153.22	LEADER Grant
31.08.10	£1.15	NEDL Wayleave
14.09.10	£330.00	Sale of burial plot and interment fee - J M Sargent

£29606.87

Statement balance at 13 September 2010 - £32158.95

6.2 Cemetery Fund

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
10.08.10	£25.00	Interment of ashes - F Purnell	NIL
14.09.10	£320.00	Sale of burial plot and interment - Sargent	
	£345.00		NIL

Statement Balance at 13 September 2010 - £4,806.32

6.3 Recreation Fund HSBC a/c

	<u>Monies In</u>		<u>Monies Out</u>
	NIL		NIL

Statement balance at 13 September 2010 £455.00

Standard Life a/c

	<u>Monies in</u>		<u>Monies out</u>
28.07.10	£10.34	Interest	
27.08.10	£10.70	Interest	
	£21.14		NIL

Statement Balance at 14 September 2010 - £7702.17

6.4 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Husthwaite Village Hall - Newsletter contribution £270.00

Signed.....Date 16 November 2010

7. Circulated Items

Recreation Area Safety Inspection: It is believed that the independent safety inspection is due and the Clerk will obtain details of costs. **Action: Clerk**

Concessionary Fares Scheme: NYCC are asking for comment on proposals to change the concessionary fares scheme. The principal proposal is to change the operative time for use of these passes from 9am to 6am the following day, Monday to Friday to 9.30am to 11pm Monday to Friday. The weekend and Bank Holiday travel would remain unaltered. Although this change would not greatly affect travel to and from Husthwaite it was agreed that the Parish Council would not support the change in the interests of the greater good. **Action: Clerk to write to NYCC**

8 Reports from Council's Representatives on Other Bodies.

8.5 Hambleton Play Partnership - No report.

8.5 Easingwold & Villages Forum - no report

8.5 Beckwith Trust: The Parish Council wish to change their representation to the Trust from Mrs R Woodhead to Mrs C. Fenwick with immediate effect. **Action: Clerk to advise Beckwith Trust.**

At a meeting of the Trust on 13 September the Parish Council were granted £500.00 towards the cost of fencing in the Recreation Area, for which they are extremely grateful.

8.4 Village Hall - the Village are proposing to hold an 'energy advice day' in an endeavour to energy/money saving advice to residents. They are also looking at the possibility of bulk buying heating oil with residents calling off supply as required.

8.5 Recreation Area - PD's report on the Recreation Area (copy attached) was presented and accepted. Although the contractor has finished the installation of the play equipment the soft surface remains to be installed. This should happen during September.

The two benches have been ordered and are ready for delivery.

Changes Spaces Grant Application: It was agreed that the Parish Council would be the Accountable Body in respect of this application for a grant towards the provision of an Adventure Area and Fitness Trail. This application also covers the provision of a notice board within the Area.

Litter Bins: options will be investigated for the provision of letter bins in the Recreation Area.

9. Reports from County/District Councillors.

No reports.

10 AOB:

There was no other business.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7.0pm, Tuesday 16th November 2010. Venue: Village Hall, Husthwaite

Signed.....Date 16 November 2010

NOT ONLY BANGS & BALLS, BUT PANCAKES, PAINT & PLAY

By the time this newsletter goes to print, Phase 2 of the development of the Recreation Area involving the creation of a Grass Play Area and the Young Children's Play Area will be completed. Over recent weeks, the contractor has worked really hard to establish new levels and install play equipment inside a fenced area. Within this space there is some traditional play equipment to accommodate climbing, sliding, swinging, rocking, rotating etc. together with slopes, boulders, a tunnel, steps and other provision for free play. Although scheduled for completion during the school summer holidays, unfortunately, an unexpected problem with the manufacturer supplying the rubber surface to cushion any falls has led to a delay of 2-3 weeks. Hopefully, this play area will give much enjoyment to the children and perhaps a sense of relief to parents and grandparents who look after young children! Arrangements for an official opening will be publicised shortly.

The programme of sporting activities on the Games Area with coaching and match play for football and tennis was not supported as well as last year, although those who did take part thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Recreation Area Committee is really grateful to Will Mowatt and Howard & Pauline Brown for giving so much time and sharing their enthusiasm and expertise so willingly. Thanks also to those members of Coxwold Tennis Club who came along to coach tennis beginners.

The children who came to the event with Hambleton District Council Play Rangers had a super morning on Saturday, 11th September. They began by cooking pancakes over an open fire (closely supervised by one of the Rangers!) The inventive children in the group used blackberries from the nearby hedge as a filling along with marshmallows. More marshmallows were roasted and added to the feast. A wide range of options for face-painting followed - would the parents recognise their offspring on returning home? The two-hour session ended in a game of 'girls - against - boys' rounders, with children, parents and play leaders all joining in. Watch out for publicity about future visits of the Play Rangers.

Looking ahead, within the next few weeks, 2 seats will be installed in the Recreation Area. One is supplied by courtesy of Broadacres Housing Association and the other a very kind donation from a couple who wish to remain anonymous. In each case, we are very grateful and confident that this much-needed provision will be enjoyed by many.

Another addition, which should appear shortly is a fence, with gated access, across the lower part of the field in order to provide a clear demarcation between vehicles and children/young people at play. We are particularly grateful to the Beckwith Trust for a generous contribution towards this important feature.

Finally, as we look ahead to developing Phase 3 - Adventure Area & Fitness Trail next year, Stage 2 of the grant application to the Lottery Funded 'Changing Spaces' initiative is at an advanced stage, almost ready for submission.

Watch this space!

Peter Davison